

Remarks

The following remarks are responsive to the Examiner's rejection in the Office Action dated June 18, 2008.

Status of the claims

The pending claims are 1, 2, 12-14, 17, 18, 20 and 21. Claims 1, 2, 12-14, 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,953,628 to Kamatani et al. Claims 17 and 18 are allowed.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 12-14, and 20-21 are canceled herein by amendment. Claims 17 and 18, both independent claims, remain pending in the case.

Only Previously Allowed Claims Remain in the Application

The claims remaining in the application, claims 17 and 18, have been allowed. Accordingly, there are not outstanding rejections to any claim remaining in the application.

Conclusion

A notice of allowance for Claims 17 and 18 is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions about the content of this paper or the status of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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